

REMARKS


This Preliminary Amendment is filed with a Request for Reissue of U.S. Patent No. 6,320,971.

A Statement of Status and Support for Claim Change is attached hereto. Copies of foreign search reports, the PTO Form 1449 and PTO Form 892 from the prosecution of Patent No. 6,320,971, (Serial No. 08/842,682) are enclosed herewith to meet the invention disclosure requirement. Copies of the references are not provided, as they should already be in the PTO files.

If any issue regarding the allowability of any of the pending claims, as amended, in the present application could be readily resolved, or if other action could be taken to further advance this application such as an Examiner's amendment, or if the Examiner should have any questions regarding the present amendment, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner please telephone Applicant's undersigned attorney in this regard.

Respectfully submitted,

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